



361st PCC Meeting 24/09/2018

DRAFT Minutes of the 361st Meeting of the Portobello Community Council held on 24th September 2018.

Present: Geoff Lynn, Elaine Murray, Lee Kindness, Sean Watters, Miranda Hirst, Frazer McNaughton, Onyema Ibe, Catherine Etoe, Marjorie Thomas

Apologies: Justin Kenrick, Esther Grey, Donald Bloxham, Madeline Begg, Cllr Kate Campbell.

In Attendance: Cllr Maureen Child, Cllr Mary Campbell, Cllr Callum Laidlaw, and members of the public.

361.1 Chair's Welcome

Lee Kindness welcomed everyone to the meeting.

361.2 Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

Minutes were agreed.

361.3 Police report

PC Gareth Deering gave the Police Report.

Concerns were raised about safe routes to school and the possibility of segregated cycle paths, in particular on routes to Duddingston PS. It was agreed to contact Northfield & Willowbrae CC about the issue as it partly fell into their area as well.

Action: CE to contact N&WCC.

361.4 Portobello Cemetery

The Council had confirmed that staffing arrangements had changed on a temporary basis but would revert in due course.

361.5 Portobello Golf Course

A Participation Request had been submitted to the Council and a response awaited.

361.6 Brighton Place Setts - update

The contract had been awarded with phase one expected to last until the end of November. The road would be fully open from December 1st to January 7th. It was agreed that the priority should be minimising the impact of the works on residents and businesses. It was noted that PCC still held a small sum of money on behalf of local traders that might be of use in promoting the High Street in some way. Geoff Lynn agreed to contact the traders regarding the issue.

Action: GL to contact traders.

361.7 You Decide

It was agreed that PCC would put in a bid to You Decide, to fund a mobile friendly version of the website.



Action: Submit You Decide bid.

361.8 PCC Venue

MH and FMc had been looking at alternative venues but it was challenging. Consideration to be ongoing.

361.9 Other Reports

a. Treasurer's Report – DB had sent his apologies.

b. Neighbourhood partnership – The voting on the You Decide bids was now planned to run from October 29th to November 9th.

Action: PCC to publicise 'You Decide' information.

c. Planning

The George – Site visit had taken place and the Reporter's decision was expected by October 19th.

d. Joppa Tennis Courts – A Council official would be visiting JTC on Friday 5th regarding the rent.

e. Councillors – Cllr Laidlaw noted clean up works to the Sir Harry Lauder bypass that would involve daytime working and may cause some disruption.

361.10 AOB

CE raised concerns about the demolition of St John's and whether it could be halted. It was noted that St John's was in the Northfield and Willowbrae Community Council area, that the decisions on the new park had been taken a considerable time ago, and that the demolition was imminent. After discussion it was decided that PCC would take no action.

The 362nd Meeting of the Portobello Community Council is to be held on Monday the 29th of October 2018 at 7.30pm in Portobello Baptist Church Hall, 185 Portobello High Street, Portobello, Edinburgh, EH15 1EU.

Subsequent Dates are: Monday 26th November (363)
 Monday 28th January (364)

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